GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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PRICES OF COKING COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of coking coal used as fuel for producing steel in the country are high as compared to those in Australia, USA, China and Brazil;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for high prices in India; and

(d) the total production cost of steel increased in percentage terms as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (d) The prices of coking coal used as fuel for production of steel in Australia, USA, China and Brazil are not available as Steel and Coal industries do not divulge the rate at which coking coal is sold. However, the prices of Indian coking coal with 18.5% ash is approximately Rs.5023.00 per metric tonne whereas the average landed cost of Australian coking coal with 9.5% ash content is approximately Rs.6730.00 per metric tonne at Indian Port. Price of imported coking coal could be higher on account of difference in intrinsic quality of coking coal, cost of freight, insurance etc.